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Attorney Docket No. ENDOV-55675

First Inventor MASOUD MOLAEI

Title AVOIDING STRESS-INDUCED MARTENSITIC
TRANSFORMATION IN NICKEL-TITANIUM ALLOYS
USED IN MEDICAL DEVICES

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 22]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
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 a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
 b. (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - ii. paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

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Prior application information: Examiner _____

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | Design issue fee |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | Plant issue fee |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application |
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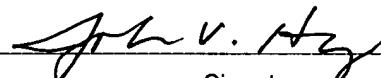
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SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

Date



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